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Did you know? The term "dog days of summer" comes from ancient astronomy, linking the hottest weeks of the year to Sirius, the Dog Star, and the constellation Canis Major. Ancient Romans called this period diēs caniculārēs ("dog days") because they believed the combined light of Sirius and the Sun added extra heat to cause the sweltering weather!

2026 Property Tax Bills



Here are a few answers to the most frequently asked questions about the Town's annual property tax billings. We hope this helps!

QUESTION: I am a senior citizen; how do I apply for the senior citizen's exemption?

ANSWER: The Town of Bridgeville does not offer a senior citizen exemption, but Sussex County does for their property tax bills. Sussex County Tax Department's phone # is (302) 855-7760. <https://sussexcountyde.gov/tax-assistance-programs>

QUESTION: I would like to know the payoff amounts for my Heritage Shores Special District Tax.

ANSWER: Municap is the company that handles everything related to the Heritage Shores Special District Taxes; the Town only acts as the collector and passes payments directly on to Municap. Municap's phone number for any questions is (443) 539-4101.

QUESTION: My mortgage company normally pays my taxes; do you send the bill to them as well?

ANSWER: No, we send all bills to the homeowner. It is the homeowner's responsibility to forward the statement to their mortgage company. Some mortgage companies DO request the information, and only then do we give them bill copies. We do not track which companies contact us.

QUESTION: How do you create the assessment for my property?

ANSWER: The Town of Bridgeville utilizes Sussex County's assessments. This is the first year we utilized the new assessments; prior tax bills were all based on the 1974 assessments. Because of reassessment, your bill may look very different from prior years. **If you have a question or concern regarding your assessment itself, please contact Sussex County.** More information on the court-mandated reassessment process can be found on the County's website here: <https://sussexcountyde.gov/reassessment>.

QUESTION: What is the Town's tax rate?

ANSWER: The 2026-2027 residential tax rate is \$0.51 per 100 of 50% of the county assessment. So, divide your total assessment (for land and improvements) by two, then divide again by 100, then multiply by \$0.51, and that is your property tax amount owed.

QUESTION: Is there a different rate for non-residential properties?

ANSWER: Yes, this is the first year the Town has utilized two rates. The State of Delaware permitted this for all municipalities in August of 2025. The 2026-2027 non-residential tax rate is \$0.86 per 100 of 50% of the county assessment. So, divide your total assessment (for land and improvements) by two, then divide again by 100, then multiply by \$0.86, and that is your property tax amount owed.

QUESTION: Can I pay my taxes online?

ANSWER: Yes, you can! If you go to bridgeville.delaware.gov, click on "Pay Online" at the top right, and then from the drop-down menu, to "Tax Payment." This will bring you to our tax portal - OpenGov. You can also look up any property in town without creating an account by using the "Search" feature on the top left of the screen.

QUESTION: When are taxes due, and how are your tax years set up?

ANSWER: The tax year runs from July 1 to June 30. Taxes are accrued at the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1) but are not PAST DUE until October 1, when 2% interest is added. This means you normally have until September 30 to pay every year.

Important Dates

August 10 - Commission Meeting
6 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

August 18 - Planning and Zoning Meeting
6 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

August 25 - Water Bills Due - Disconnects
for Non-Payment on August 27 (90 Days)

August 31 - Commission Workshop
5 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

September 7 - Town Hall Closed - Labor Day

Virtual Meeting Links and supporting documentation are always posted with each meeting agenda.

Open Seats Available! Board of Adjustment



We currently have **TWO** open seats on our Board of Adjustment. Board of Adjustment meetings are held only as needed and are usually scheduled during the day. The position serves a three-year term. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the workings of our community! If you are interested or have any questions regarding this position, please contact Town Hall. Applicants may submit their letter of interest to the Town Manager.

Grass and Yard Maintenance

Reminder of Chapter 90 of the Town Code - No landowner shall permit the unregulated growth of vegetation, including but not limited to weeds, grass, hedges, bushes, or shrubs, to be maintained on any property within the corporate limits of the Town of Bridgeville. No weeds, grass, or other ground cover vegetation shall exceed a height of eight inches at any time of the calendar year. No hedges, bushes, shrubs, trees, or other vegetation shall be permitted to grow in such a manner as to inhibit the free passage of or present a danger to pedestrians on any street, alleyway, sidewalk, or walkway. No weeds, grass, or other vegetation clippings, etc., shall be placed on any street, alleyway, passageway, sidewalk, or walkway. Violations of this Code will result in fines.



**St. Mary's Episcopal Church invites you to their
Indoor Flea Market
2 William Street, Bridgeville
August 29, 2026
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**



Delaware remains in a statewide drought watch issued by the Governor. Please consider reducing your water usage by limiting outdoor watering. Small actions can keep the sources of your drinking water supply at safe and reliable levels.

Bridgeville Public Library



Summer Reading Program

- Little Acorns Music & Movement – Wednesday, August 5 and 12 @ 9 am.
- Summertime Story Time– Tuesdays @ 10 am. All ages are welcome. Tuesday, August 4th will be held at the Seaford Chick-Fil-A. No sessions on Aug. 18 and 25.
- Kids Craft Days– Wednesdays @ 10 am –August 5, Air Dry Clay Prints; August 12 –Dino Dirt Cups. All ages are welcome!
- Tween/Teen Tuesdays– from 12–3 pm–crafts, snacks, and fun activities for ages 10–17 on August 4th and 11th. Bring some friends and enjoy your time with friends and Ms. Hilary.
- Thursday, August 6 @ 5:30 pm– Ran'D Shine Magic Show.
- Family Fun Night–Celebration of the end of our Summer Reading Program. Thursday, August 20 from 6–8 pm. Registration is required.

Special Announcements

- Rooted in Health Wellness & Family Fun Day– Saturday, August 15 from 10 am – 3 pm at The Life Center, 8899 Redden Road, Bridgeville, DE. The Life Center and the Bridgeville Library invite you to explore free health screenings and wellness resources, connect with community organizations, visit local shopping vendors, enjoy kids' activities, face painting, fitness challenges, wellness games, and cool off on our giant water slide!
- We are excited to announce that the Community Bridge to Wellness will continue in 2026, supported by a grant from the Delaware Behavioral Health Consortium. We will be offering a mental health vendor event on Wednesday, September 16 from 6–8 pm, yoga sessions, weekly grief sessions, wellness Wednesdays with meditation in the library, and more. Be on the lookout on our Facebook and website.
- Pretty as a Peach Besties Brunch– Saturday, August 22 from 10 am–1 pm. Join us for our 2nd annual Besties Brunch as we pamper ourselves and introduce you to local businesses that offer wellness & personal products. RSVP by Tuesday, August 18th by calling the library or using online registration.

Other Library Programs

- Read to the L.E.A.P. Dogs, Oliver and Penny– Tuesday, August 11 and Tuesday, August 25 @ 11 am.
- Library Learners League Homeschool Group– Thursday, August 13 @ 10 am. Land and Soil Program. and Thursday, August 27 @ 11 am– Delaware Geology. Registration is required.
- Drums Alive! With PACE Your Life on Monday, August 3 @ 2 pm.
- BINGO with PACE Your Life on Tuesday, August 11 @ 3 pm. Adults ONLY.
- The DHSS will have a BINGO on Monday, August 24 @ 3 pm.
- Gentle Yoga with Bonnie Wednesdays at 6 pm starting August 5 through September 23.
- Calm Child Yoga– Improve focus, concentration and listening skills for grades 1–6 with Bonnie on Saturdays, August 1, 8, and 15 @ 12 pm. Registration is required.
- CPR Certification Class– Tuesday, August 11 from 5:30–8:30 pm. \$65 per person with instruction from a certified American Heart Association instructor. Registration is required. Please call.
- NeshiCon will be at the Seaford Library on Saturday, August 29th from 11 am–4 pm. This year's theme is Legends Never Die.

For all programming info, please visit our website or Facebook page for details.
To register for our events: Call 337-7401 ext. 101 or online: delawarelibraries.libcal.com.

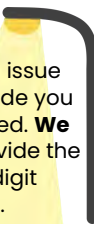


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Street Light Reporting

Ever notice a street light out? Or maybe it's cycling on and off? Residents can report an issue at any time to Delmarva Power at Delmarva.streetlightoutages.com. Doing so will provide you with a ticket with tracking information, including an update when the repair is completed. **We can also assist you with reporting these issues at Town Hall.** Call or email us, and provide the nearest property address or pole number. The pole number is usually two sets of five-digit numbers clearly marked with stickers, similar to address stickers, located on each pole.



Contact Information

- **Town Hall:** P (302) 337-7135, F (302) 337-7817
Open M–F 9AM – 4PM – For After Hours
Emergencies Please Call the Police
Department, (302) 337-8302
Email: townofbridgeville@gmail.com
Website: bridgeville.delaware.gov
- **Bridgeville Public Library:**
P (302) 337-7401 ext. 101
Email: bridgeville.library@lib.de.us
- **Fire, Ambulance, Police:** 911
State Police, Troop 5: P (302) 337-1090
- **Sussex County:** P (302) 855-7700



Apple Scrapple Festival Updates

This year's festival will be very similar to the changes that were introduced last year, that will affect residents.

List of closed streets include Delaware Ave, Walnut Street, South Cannon Street, Laws Street, William Street, Railroad Ave, Mill Street, John Street, Mechanic Street, Cedar Street and Cherry Lane.

Resident and Business passes will be handled as follows, as the expected quantity increases each year - **Each resident/business owner must pick-up their pass at Town Hall or the library before October 8!** Each pass will be resident/vehicle specific, please bring proof of residency when picking up your pass. For businesses, please bring a list of employees working that will need passes. The pass must be placed on the dash of your vehicle to allow you access to the alley behind your property on the days of the festival. Resident passes are for residents and employees working at an open business only; copies are not permitted.

For more information – including full notices, links to mapping and the festival pages, please visit the festival's website at applescrapple.com, and the Town's website at Bridgeville.delaware.gov

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